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TECTONIC PLATES
SPLINTERED AND
HEAVED.

GLOBAL WEATHER
SYSTEMS CONVULSED.

A NEW BLACK HOLE
WAS DISCOVERED IN
THE TRIANGULUM
CONSTELLATION.

THE SUN BURNED RED
AND THE SKY WAS
BLACK AND THE RAIN
WAS BLOOD WHERE
IT FELL.

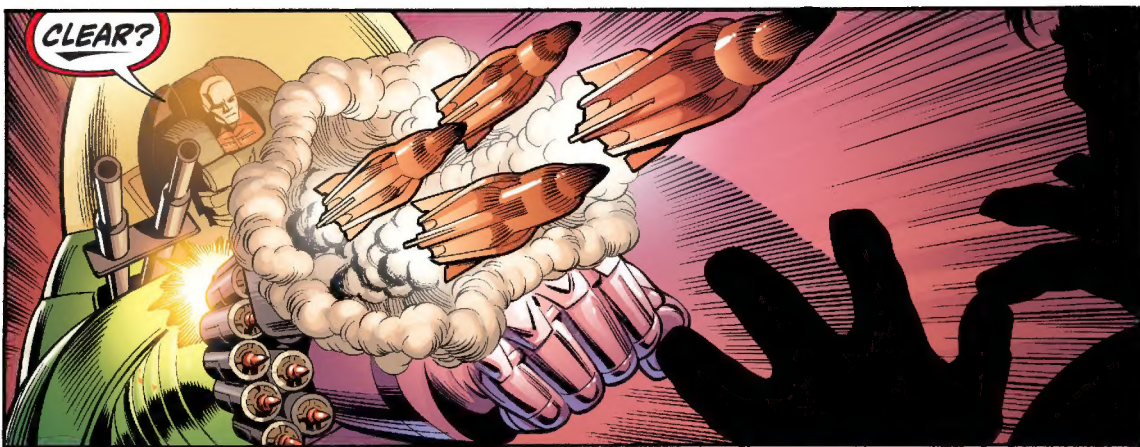
THAT DAY WITNESSED--
SOME SAY--A BATTLE
FOR THE SOUL OF THE
PLANET EARTH.

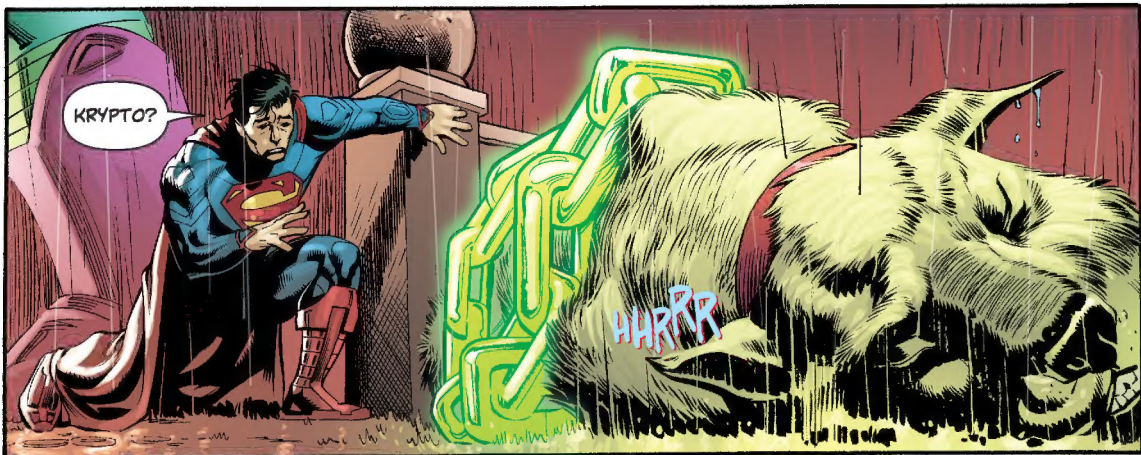
NO
ONE!

A WAR OF
ANGELS AND
DEVILS.

NOTHING LESS THAN
A NEW AMERICAN
MYTHOLOGY.

NO
ONE KILLS
SUPERMAN
BUT ME!

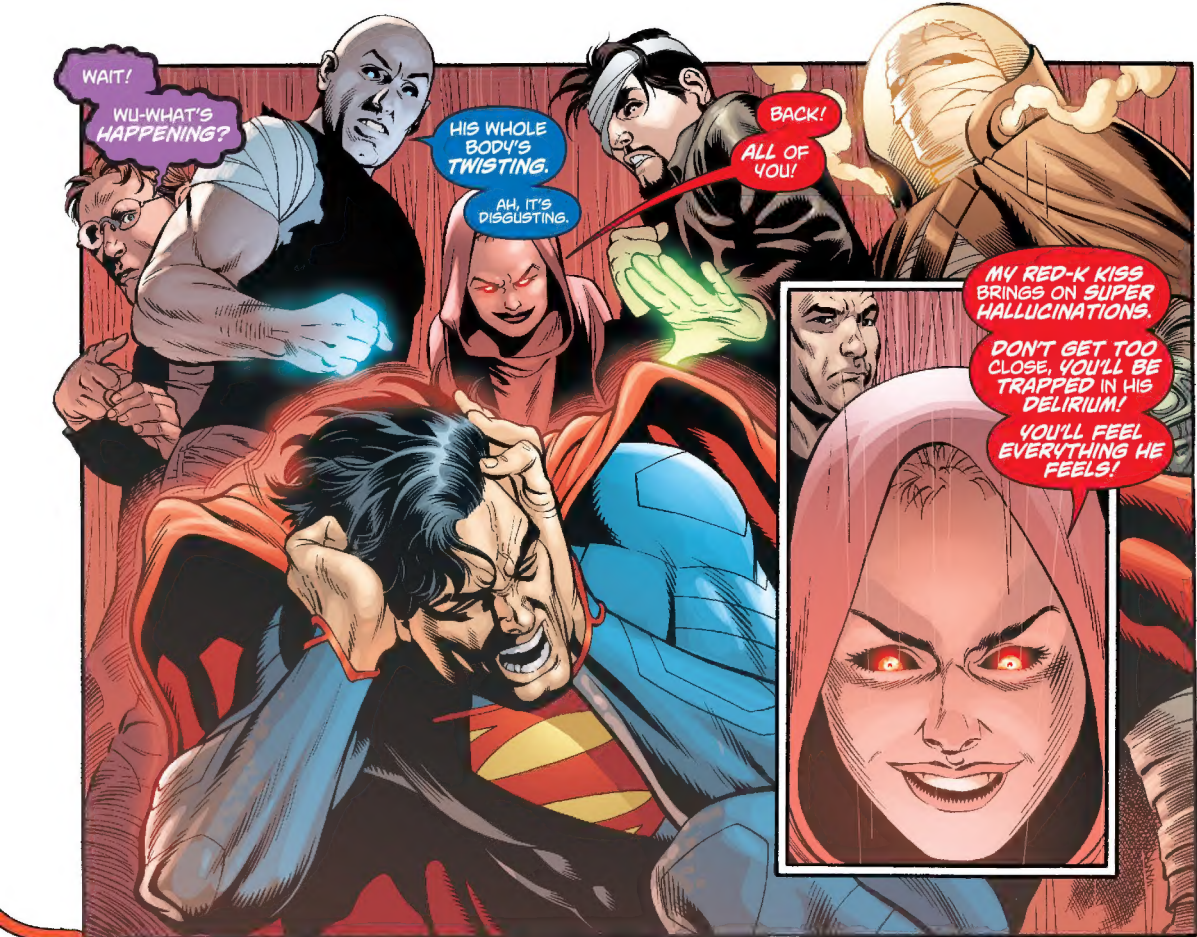






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YOU'RE THE STAR TURN IN A FILTHY FLEA CIRCUS!

I AM THE MASTER MAGICIAN!

GGAAAURR!

LITTLE FLAT MAN!

ZZZ GIVE IN KENT NEXT GGGZZZ

YOU THINK YOU CAN TRICK ME INTO SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS LIKE YOU DID WITH MIXZPTLK?

ZZZ GIVE IN KENT NEGGZZZT

BUT I GROW STRONGER AS YOU GROW WEAK AND FALTER, AS BEFITS YOUR ESSENTIAL NATURE...

...BECAUSE THEY CALL YOU A HERO. BUT THERE'S BLOOD ON YOUR NOBLE CREST.

A STAIN THAT CAN NEVER COME OUT.

THE MARK OF BETRAYAL AND EXPLOITATION.

GGGBBZZZ KKK.

KNEEL, WORKER DRONE.

BZZ-BZZZ

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT YOU ARE BEHIND THE LIE!

I'LL MAKE COINS OF YOU.

YOUR "S" A DOLLAR SIGN!



...HE'S AN
OFF-COLOR
COMEDIAN, HE'S
BEEN IN A
COMA.

HE HASN'T
SAID A SINGLE
WORD IN
YEARS.

THAT DOESN'T
EXPLAIN WHO
THESE PEOPLE ARE
OR HOW THEY GOT
IN HERE!

MEET THE, UH...
THE LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES.

OUR
DESCENDANTS...
FROM THE 31ST
CENTURY.

JIMMY
OLSEN.

YOU
HAVEN'T
AGED A
DAY.

THE SUPER
WHAT?



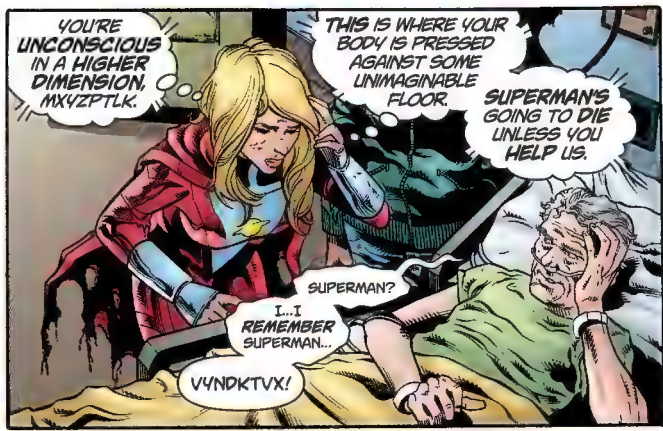
WE ARE YOUR VERY
BEST FRIENDS.

EVERYTHING
IS VERY GOOD
ALL THE TIME.

AGREE?

OH,
ABSOLUTELY!

WHAT WAS I
THINKING?



YOU'RE
UNCONSCIOUS
IN A HIGHER
DIMENSION.
MXYZPTLK.

THIS IS WHERE YOUR
BODY IS PRESSED
AGAINST SOME
UNIMAGINABLE
FLOOR.

SUPERMAN'S
GOING TO DIE
UNLESS YOU
HELP US.

SUPERMAN?

I...I
REMEMBER
SUPERMAN...

VYNDKTVX!



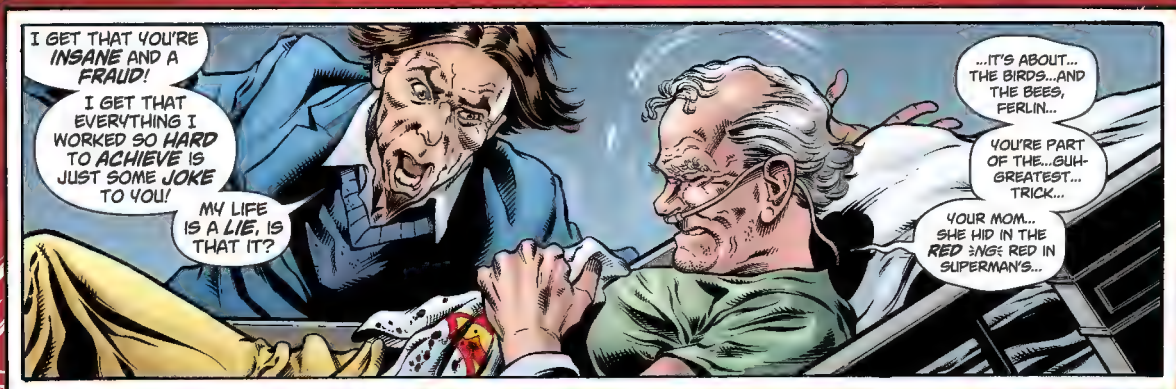
YOU'RE
ALL HERE FOR
THE GRAND
FINALE!

VYNDKTVX!

VYNDKTVX!

YOU'RE
ALL RIGHT
HERE!



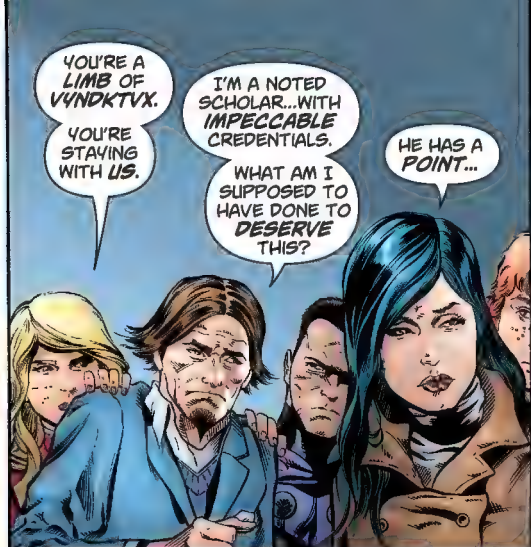




WE CAME A LONG, LONG WAY.

DON'T THINK DEATH GETS YOU OUT OF THIS.

HHNNNNJULI!!!...



YOU'RE A LIMB OF VYNDKTVX.

YOU'RE STAYING WITH US.

I'M A NOTED SCHOLAR...WITH IMPECCABLE CREDENTIALS.

HE HAS A POINT...

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO HAVE DONE TO DESERVE THIS?

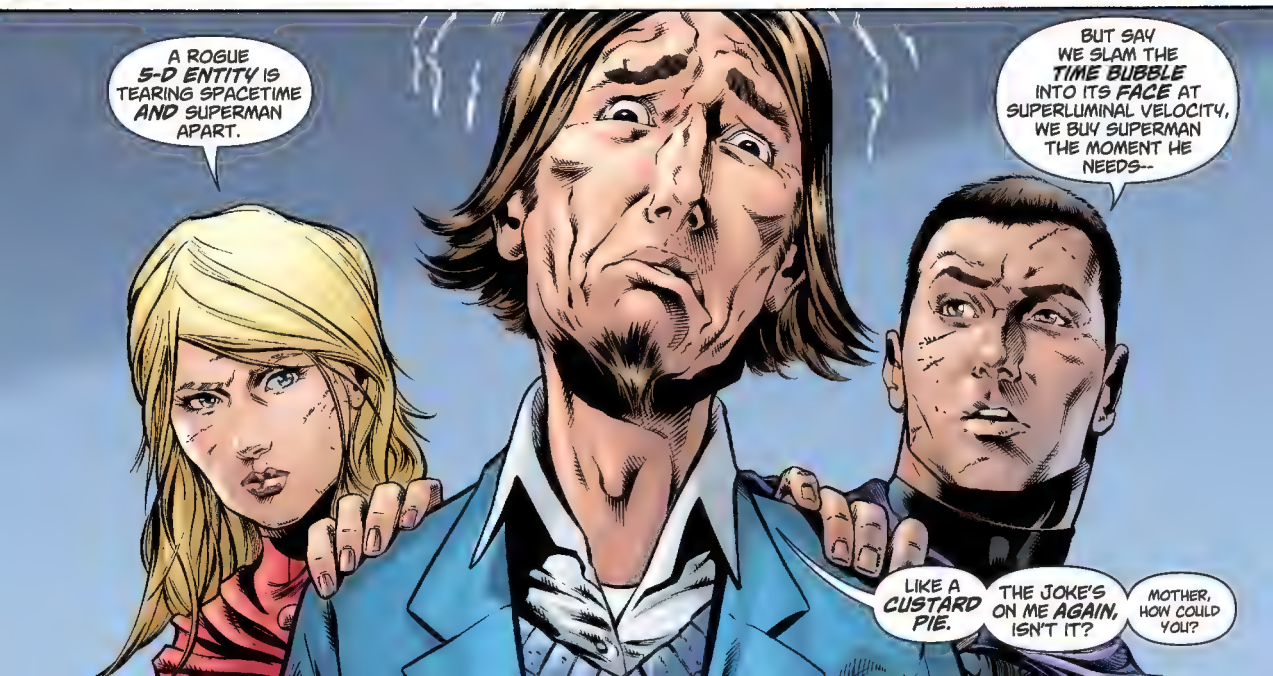


YOU CAN GO, MXVZPTLK, RIGHT AFTER YOU TELL US THIS ONE THING:

HOW DO WE PREVENT SUPERMAN'S DEATH?

...THAT'S... THAT'S THE TRICK, SHOCKO...

...YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE... VYNDKTVX GETS THE... TRICKKKK...



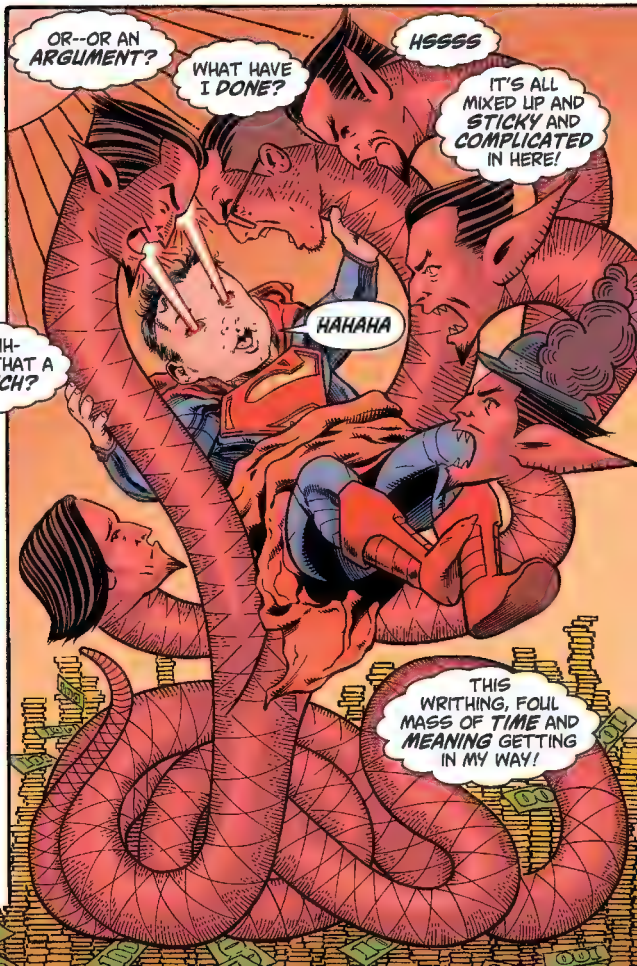
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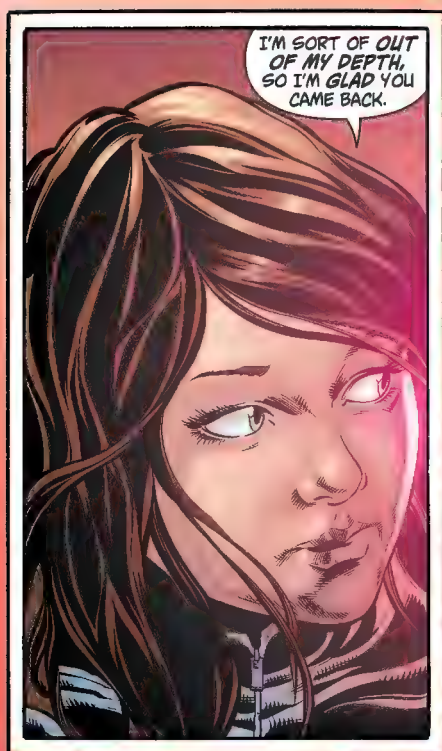
BUT SAY WE SLAM THE TIME BUBBLE INTO ITS FACE AT SUPERLUMINAL VELOCITY, WE BUY SUPERMAN THE MOMENT HE NEEDS--

LIKE A CUSTARD PIE.

THE JOKE'S ON ME AGAIN, ISN'T IT?

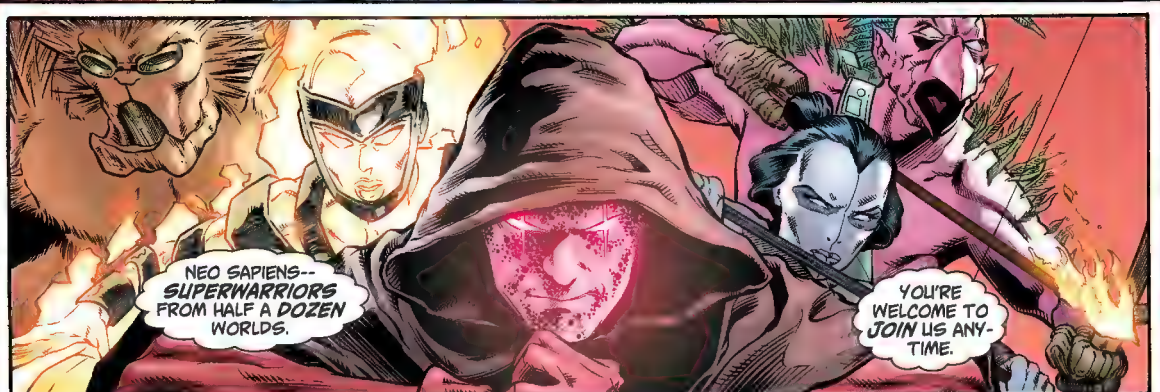
MOTHER, HOW COULD YOU?







I TOLD
YOU ABOUT THE
WANDERERS,
RIGHT?



NEO SAPIENS--
SUPERWARRIORS
FROM HALF A DOZEN
WORLDS.

YOU'RE
WELCOME TO
JOIN US ANY-
TIME.

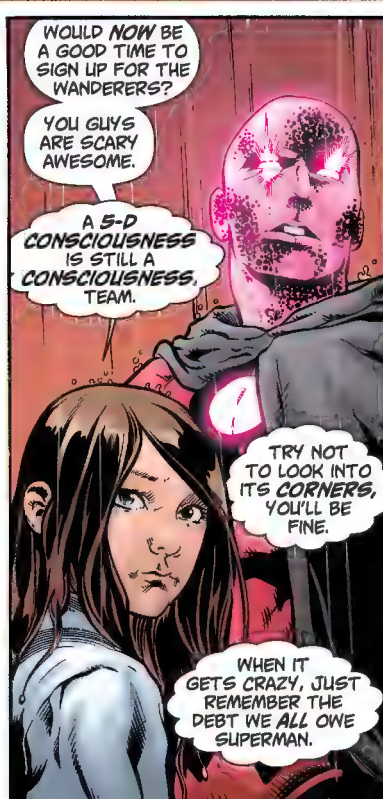
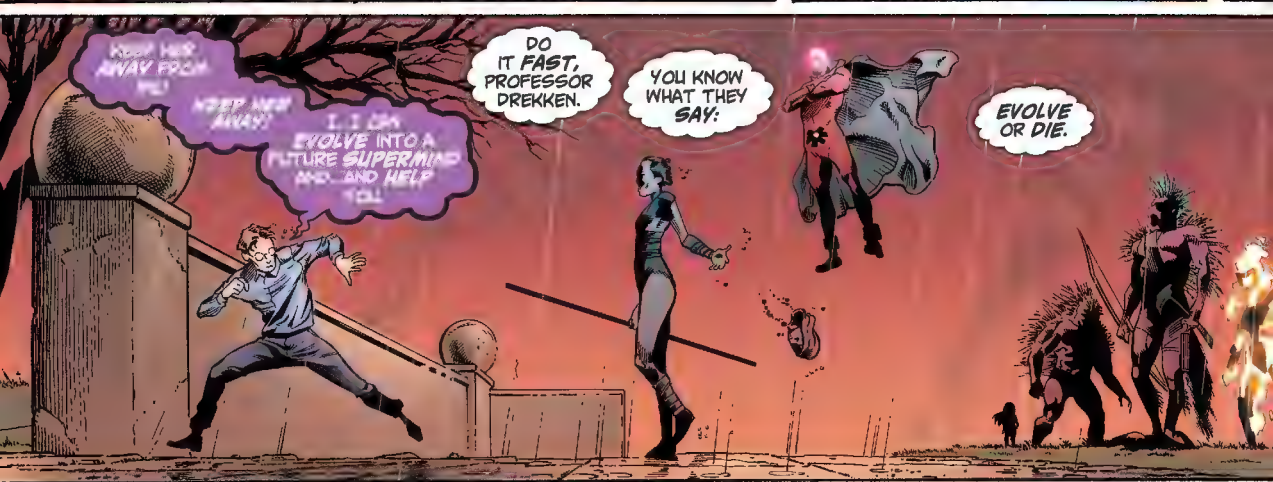
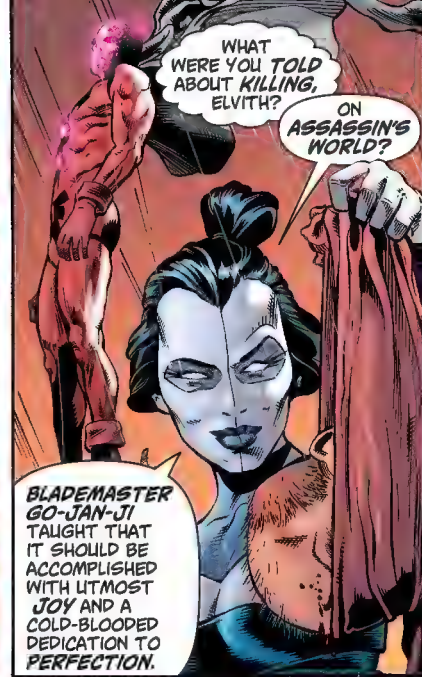
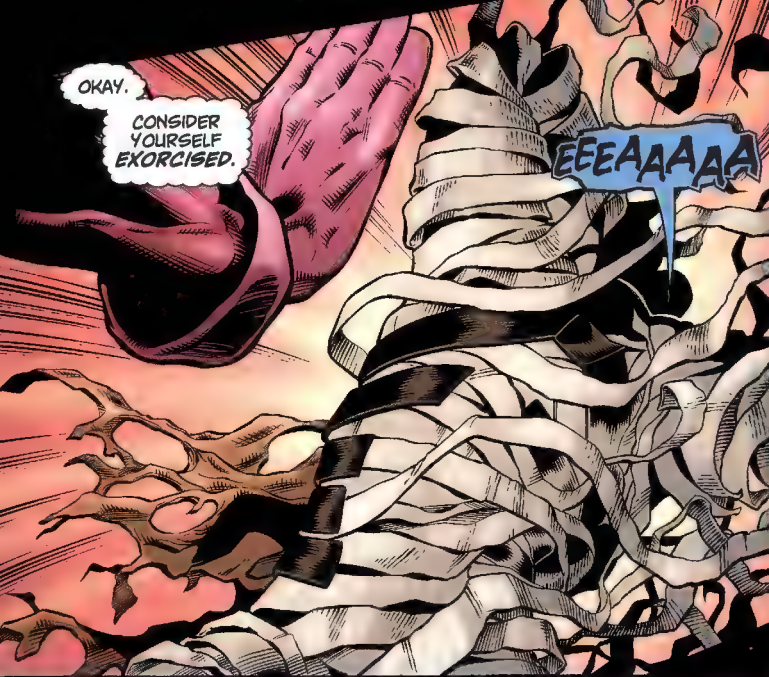


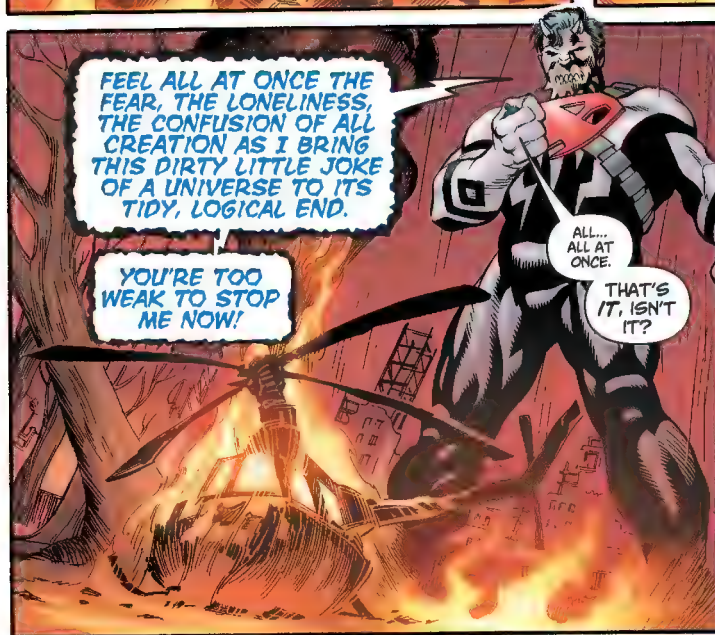
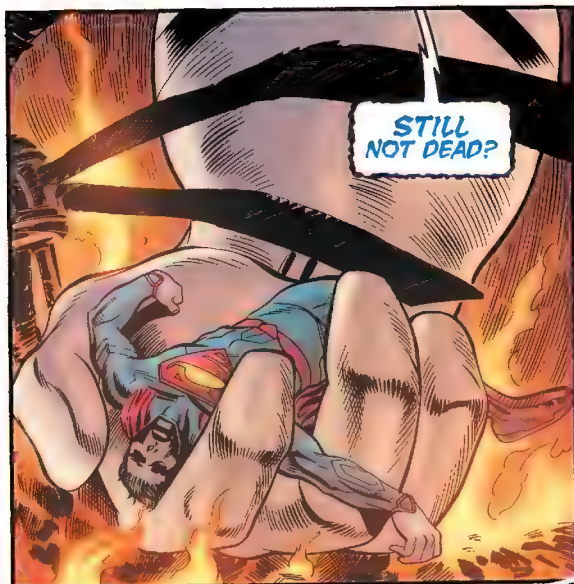
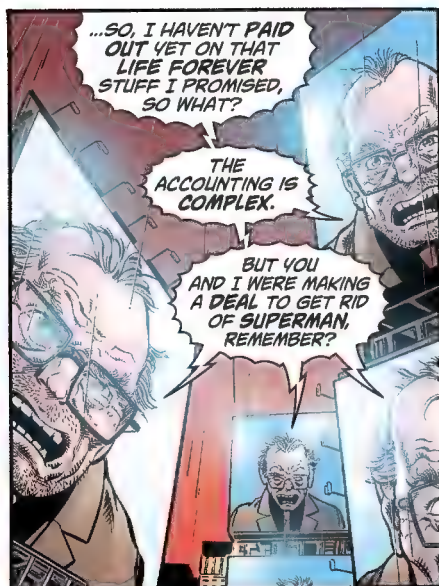
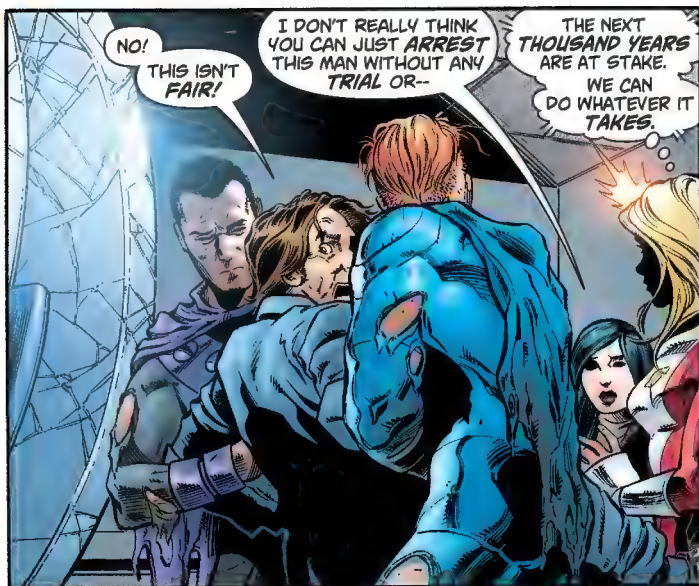
IT'S
HARDLY THE
JUSTICE
LEAGUE.

SO TELL
ME--

WHO
ARE THESE
LOSERS?









THIS IS
YOUR FIRST
AND ONLY
ATTACK.

BUT FROM
MY PERSPECTIVE,
WE'VE FOUGHT
BEFORE AND
WILL AGAIN.

AND
EVERY TIME--
YOU LOSE.

I'LL
CRUSH
YOU--

YOU
LOST AGAINST
MY FATHER ON
KRYPTON.

YOU
LOST ON
MARS.

YOU
LOST AGAINST
THE LEGION.



WHY DO YOU
LOSE EVERY
TIME?

IT'S SIMPLE.

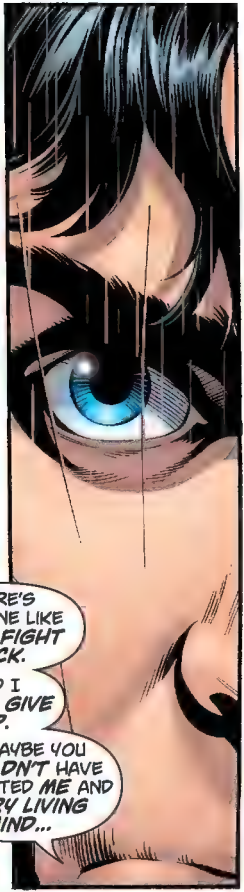
YOU HAVE THE
POWER OF A GOD,
BUT YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND THE
BASIC RULES OF
THE TRICK.



FOR EVERY
ACTION--

THERE IS
AN EQUAL AND
OPPOSITE
REACTION.

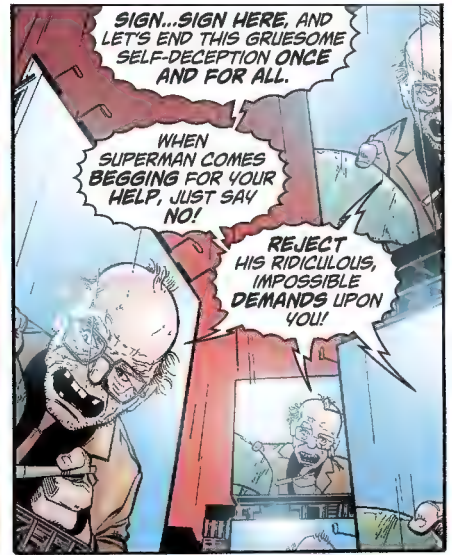
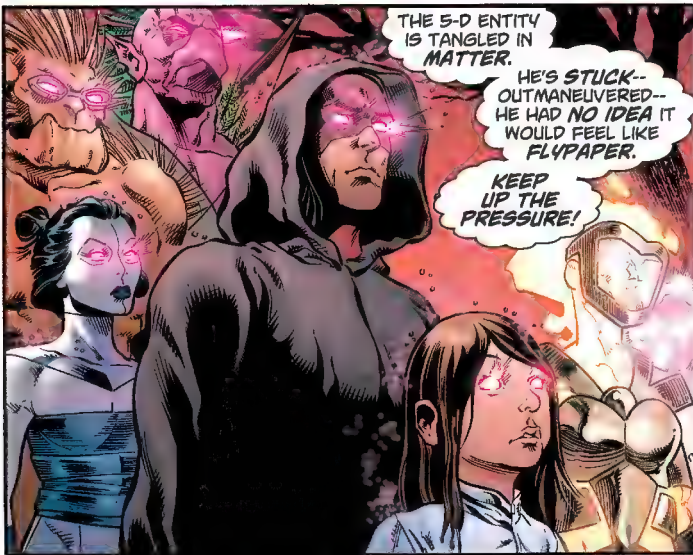
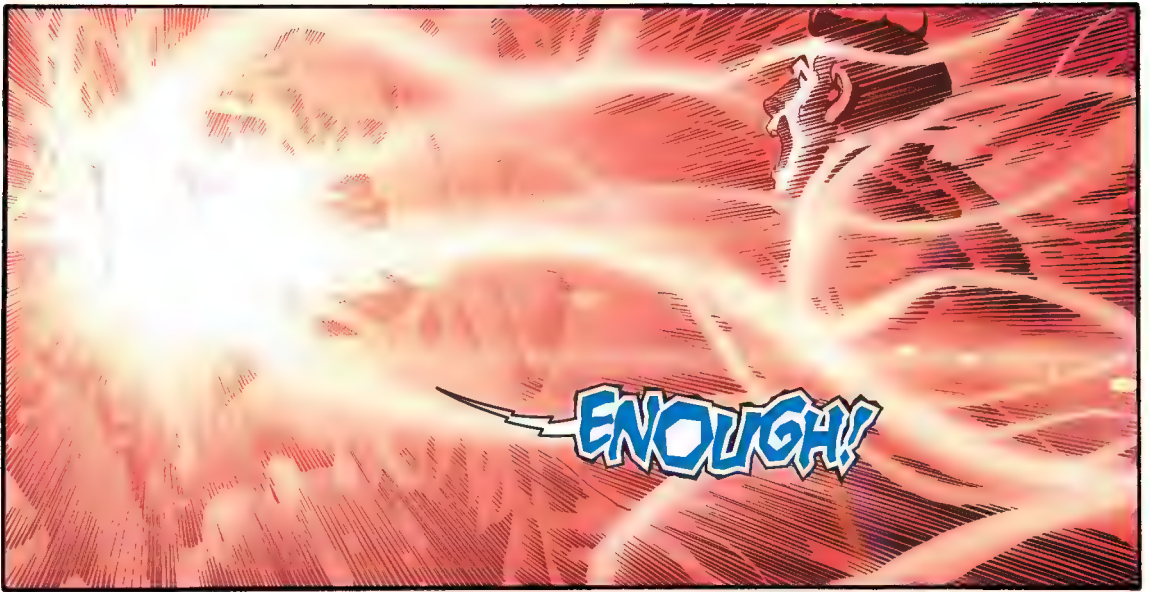
FOR EVERY
YOU--

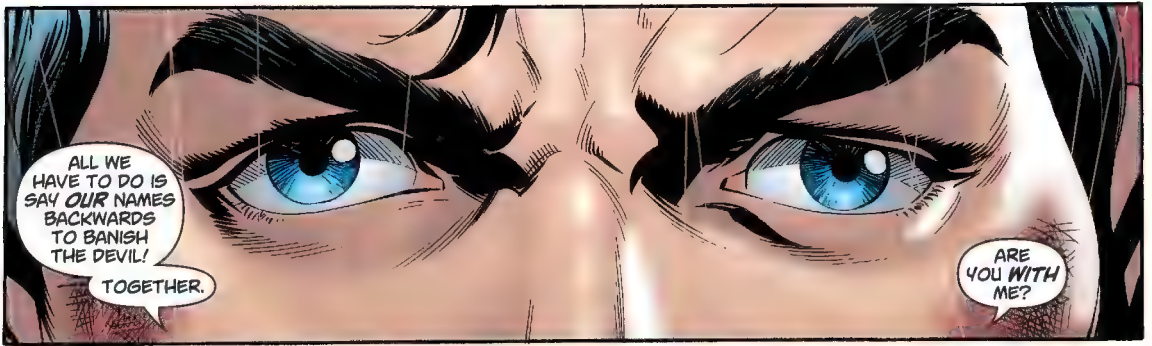


THERE'S
SOMEONE LIKE
ME TO FIGHT
BACK.

AND I
DON'T GIVE
UP.

SO MAYBE YOU
SHOULDN'T HAVE
CONNECTED ME AND
EVERY LIVING
MIND...







XVTKDNV!



WOW.

HE RETREATED--

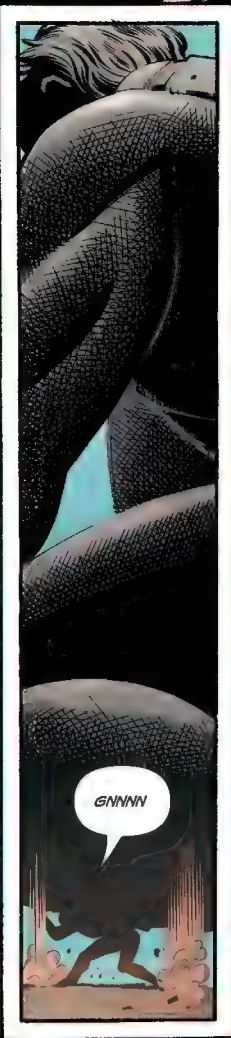
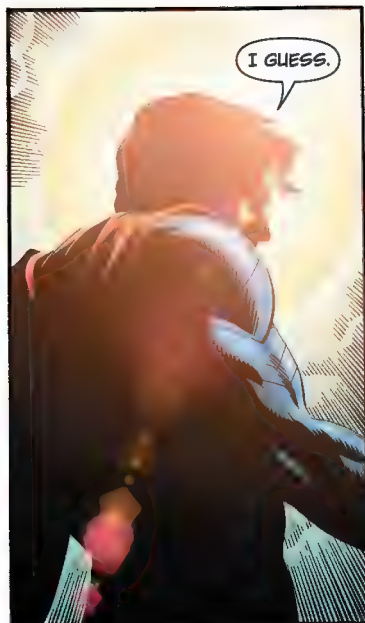
--BACK TO THE
5TH DIMENSION
TO LICK HIS
WOUNDS. WE--

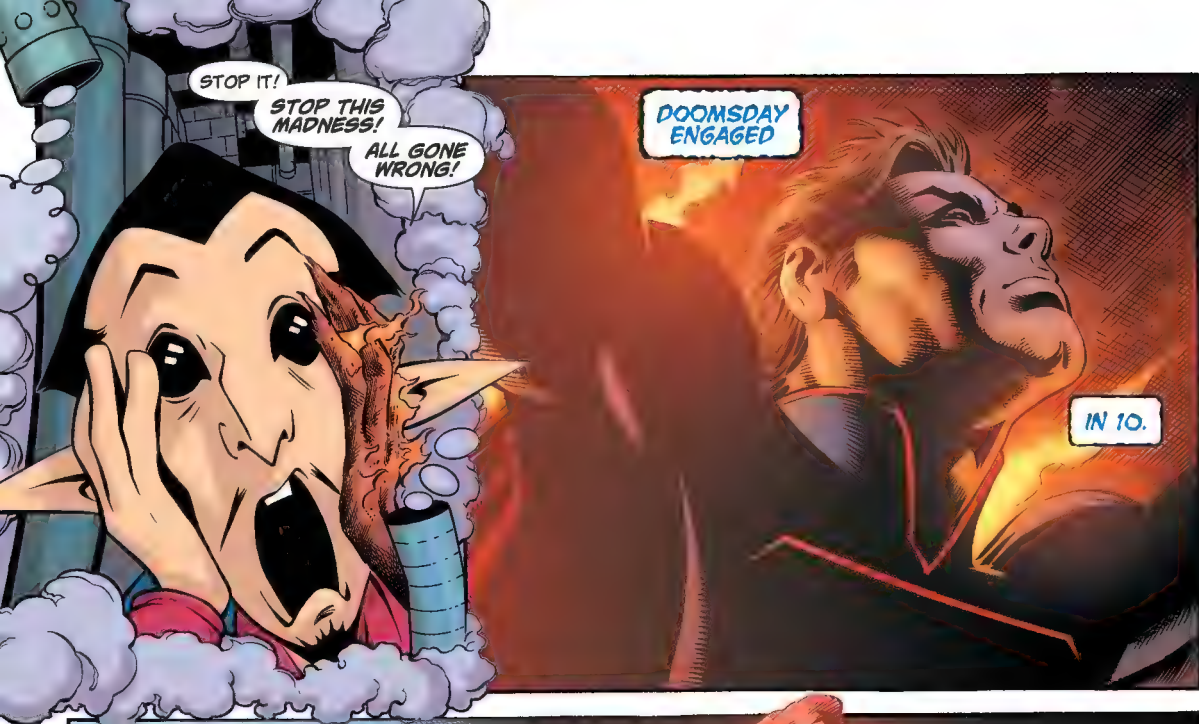


AR-AR-ARMOR
SELF-DESTRUCT.

ENGAGE:
DOOMSDAY
MODE.

UH-OH.
IT'S
NOT OVER
YET.
CLEAR THE
AREA!







HE KILLED MY FATHER!

LORD VVNDKTVX KILLED THE KING!

SEIZE HIM!

YOU'RE SAFE, GZY--

NO, IT WAS MXVZPTLK, AND NO ONE ELSE CAN SEE IT!

HE TRICKED ALL OF US!

THE WHOLE THING'S A TRICK WHERE HE ALWAYS WINS IN THE END.

RDRFF...

I DON'T DESERVE TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS!

IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND!

AAAAA!

WHAT'D I TELL YA? SUPERMAN ALWAYS WINS.

RELAX, PRINCESS.

YOU'RE SAFE WITH MXV.

FOOL BECOMES KING.

PRINCESS BECOMES QUEEN.



ALL HAPPY
TOGETHER IN THE
LONG DAY'S BECOMING.
AND BECOMING AND
EVER AFTER
BECOMING.

UNTIL DAY
BECOMES THE
QUEEN IN LABOR
DYING.

AND DEATH
BECOMES NEW
LIFE--AND IS THE
QUINTO-SELF
PERPETUATED.

AND SO
COMES WISDOM
AND SO COME
TEARS.

AND NO
END IS THERE
EVER AFTER.

THE BOYS HE
CANNOT BEAR--FOR THEY
REMINDE THE KING-THING OF
HIS DIVIDED SELF, BUT HIS
DAUGHTER HE KEEPS BY HIS
SIDE ALWAYS AND NAMES
FOR HER MOTHER--

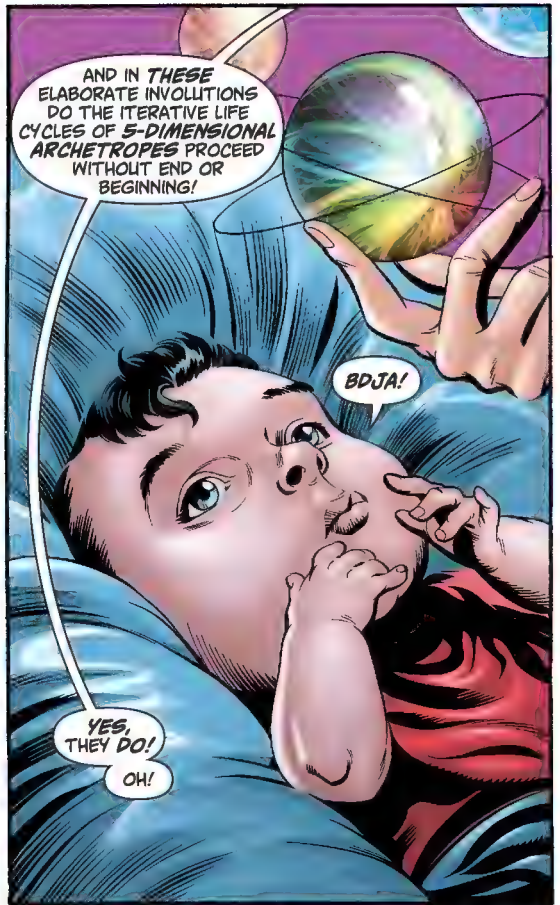
FOR SHE
REMINDS HIM OF LOST
NYXLYGSPTLNZ.

AND HE VOWS
TO PROTECT HER
FROM QUICK-WITTED YOUNG
ROGUES WITH AMBITION--
AND KNOWS HE CAN ONLY
EVER FAIL.

AND
THEY ALL LIVE
HAPPILY.



HAPPILY AND
HAPPILY IN THE
EVERAFTER ALL
AROUND.



AND IN *THESE*
ELABORATE INVOLUTIONS
DO THE ITERATIVE LIFE
CYCLES OF *5-DIMENSIONAL*
ARCHETROPEs PROCEED
WITHOUT END OR
BEGINNING!

BDJA!

YES,
THEY DO!

OH!



...DON'T
BE AFRAID OF
THE RUMBLE,
KAL-EL.

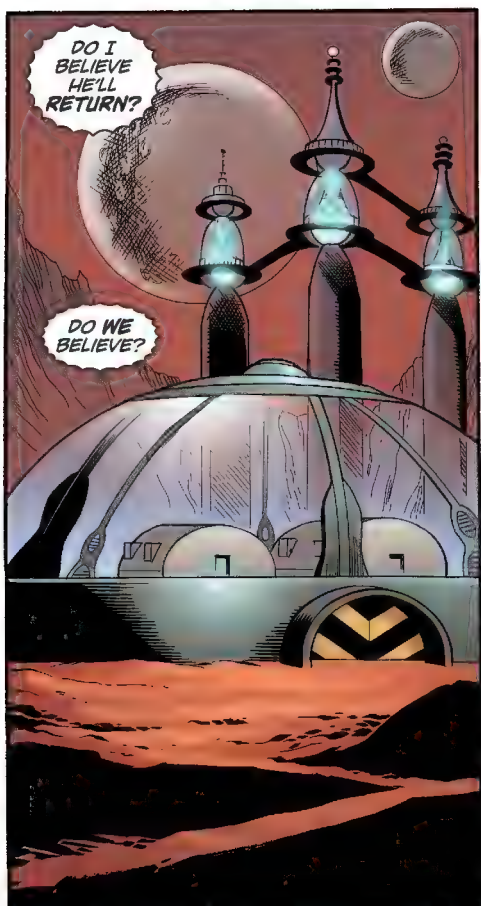
IT'S ONLY
THE WORLD
TURNING
BENEATH OUR
FEET.

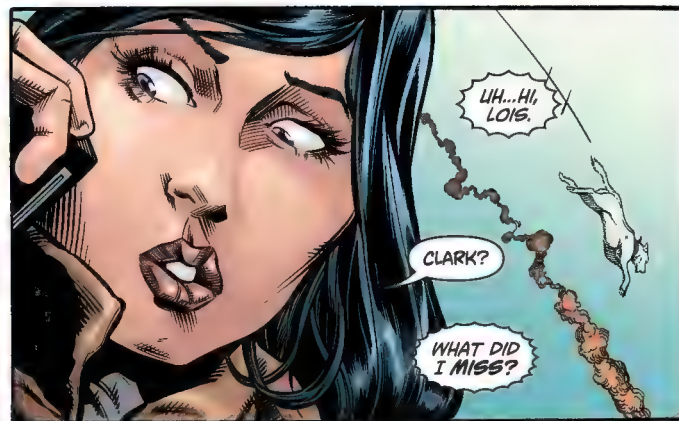
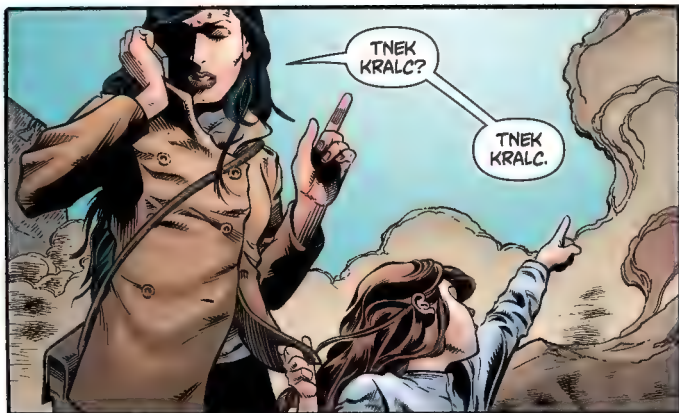
JOR-EL...



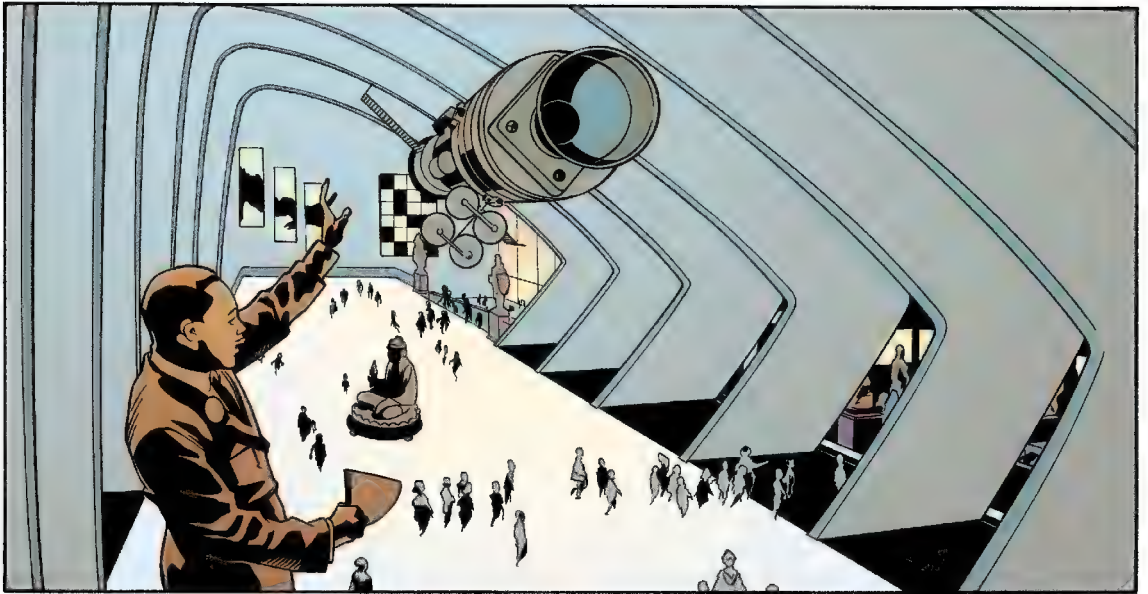
...WHAT
IS IT, MY
LOVE?

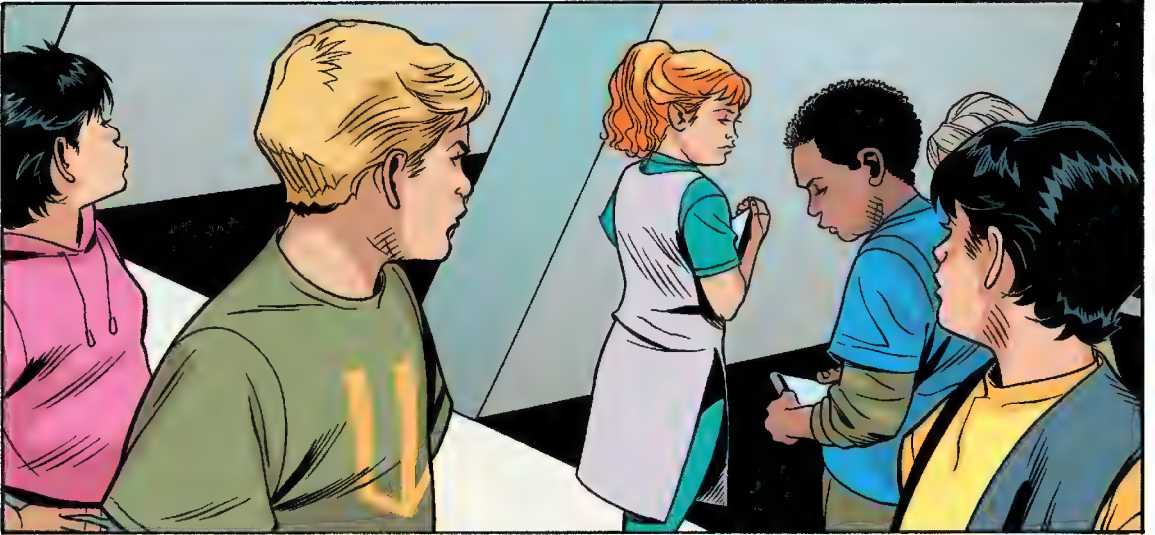














FASTER
THAN A SPEEDING
BULLET

DOOMED
PLANET

LOOK!
UP IN THE
SKY!

NEVER-ENDING BATTLE

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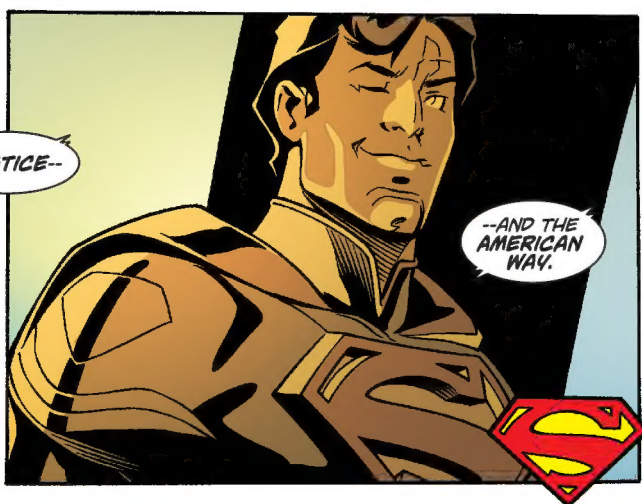
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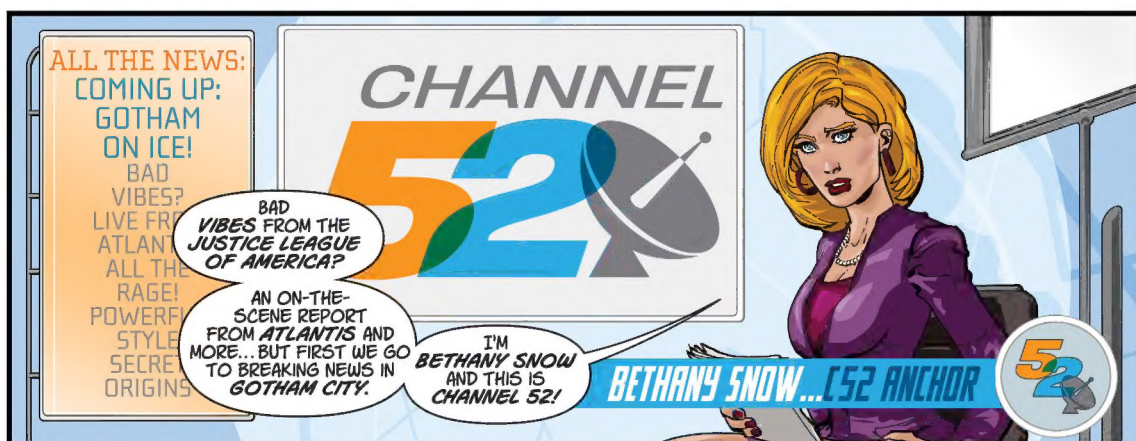












ALL THE NEWS:
COMING UP:
GOTHAM
ON ICE!
BAD
VIBES?
LIVE FROM
ATLANTIS
ALL THE
RAGE!
POWERFUL
STYLE
SECRET
ORIGINS

CHANNEL

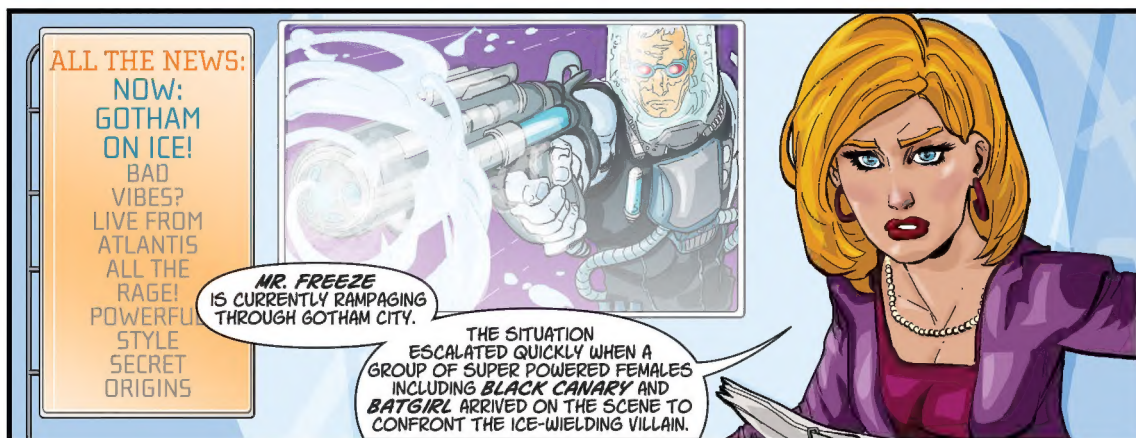
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BAD
VIBES FROM THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE
OF AMERICA?

AN ON-THE-
SCENE REPORT
FROM ATLANTIS AND
MORE... BUT FIRST WE GO
TO BREAKING NEWS IN
GOTHAM CITY.

I'M
BETHANY SNOW
AND THIS IS
CHANNEL 52!

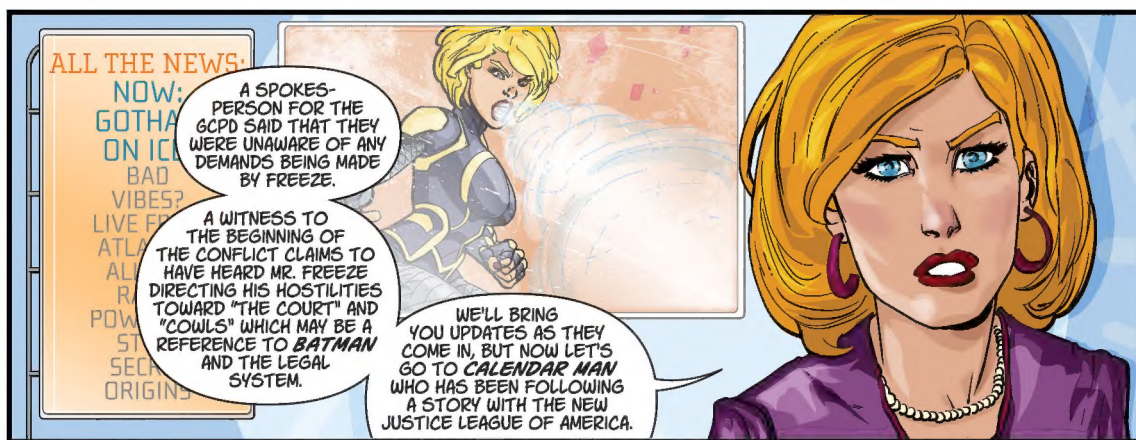
BETHANY SNOW... 52 ANCHOR



ALL THE NEWS:
NOW:
GOTHAM
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MR. FREEZE
IS CURRENTLY RAMPAGING
THROUGH GOTHAM CITY.

THE SITUATION
ESCALATED QUICKLY WHEN A
GROUP OF SUPER POWERED FEMALES
INCLUDING BLACK CANARY AND
BATGIRL ARRIVED ON THE SCENE TO
CONFRONT THE ICE-WIELDING VILLAIN.

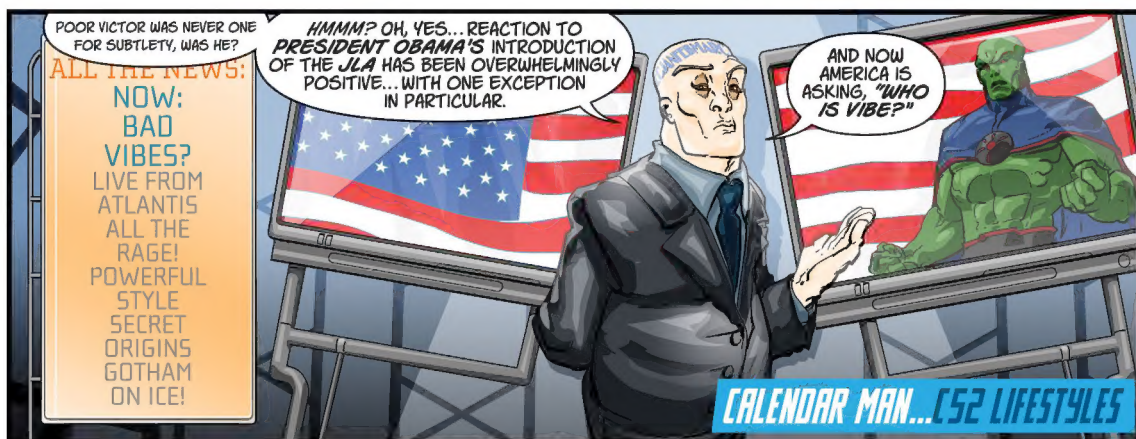


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A SPOKES-
PERSON FOR THE
GCPD SAID THAT THEY
WERE UNAWARE OF ANY
DEMANDS BEING MADE
BY FREEZE.

A WITNESS TO
THE BEGINNING OF
THE CONFLICT CLAIMS TO
HAVE HEARD MR. FREEZE
DIRECTING HIS HOSTILITIES
TOWARD "THE COURT" AND
"COWLS" WHICH MAY BE A
REFERENCE TO BATMAN
AND THE LEGAL
SYSTEM.

WE'LL BRING
YOU UPDATES AS THEY
COME IN, BUT NOW LET'S
GO TO CALENDAR MAN
WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING
A STORY WITH THE NEW
JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA.



POOR VICTOR WAS NEVER ONE
FOR SUBTLETY, WAS HE?
ALL THE NEWS:
NOW:
BAD
VIBES?
LIVE FROM
ATLANTIS
ALL THE
RAGE!
POWERFUL
STYLE
SECRET
ORIGINS
GOTHAM
ON ICE!

HMMM? OH, YES... REACTION TO
PRESIDENT OBAMA'S INTRODUCTION
OF THE JLA HAS BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY
POSITIVE... WITH ONE EXCEPTION
IN PARTICULAR.

AND NOW
AMERICA IS
ASKING, "WHO
IS VIBE?"

CALENDAR MAN... 52 LIFESTYLES

